

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEW YORK, 9-11-1¹



THE PENTAGON AFTER THE ATTACK OF 9-11-1



QURAN 9:111

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ وَعَدَّا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَاسْتَبْشِرُوا بِبَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِي بَايَعْتُمْ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿۱۱۱﴾

“Allah has bought from the believers their lives and their money in exchange for Paradise. Thus, they kill (*yuqatilûna*)² in the cause (*sabîl*)³ of Allah, willing to kill (*yaqtulûna*)² and get killed (*yuqatalûna*).² Such is His truthful pledge in the Torah,⁴ the Gospel,⁵ and the Quran⁶ — and who fulfills His pledge better than Allah? You shall rejoice in making such an exchange. This is the greatest triumph.”

NOTES

1 Click [HERE](#) to view a Power Point slide show of 157 photographs of the New York World Trade Center before and after the terrorist attacks of 9-11-01.

2 قتل (*qatala*) is the cognate of Hebrew קָטַל (*qatal*) “to kill.” See Brown, Driver, Briggs, *Hebrew Lexicon*, 1907: [881](#)) and Wehr, *Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*, third edition, 1960: [742](#) and [743](#).

3 For سبيل (*sabîl*) used with reference to warring for Allah, see Lane, *Arabic-English Lexicon*, [1872: 1302](#).

4 The “Torah” in this context probably refers to Exod 32:26–29,

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, ‘Who is on the LORD’s side? Come to me.’ And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. And he said to them, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel, “Put every man his sword on his side, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.”’ And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. And Moses said, ‘Today you have ordained yourselves for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, that he may bestow a blessing upon you this day,’”

and Exod 32:20,

And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink it.

Compare Moses’ actions according to Deut 9:17–21,

So I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin which you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure which the LORD bore against you, so that he was ready to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened to me that time also. And the LORD was so angry with Aaron that he was ready to destroy him; and I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. Then I took the sinful thing, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I threw the dust of it into the brook that descended out of the mountain.”

and according to Exod 32:31–32,

So Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Alas, this people have sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin— and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.”

Click [HERE](#) to read my online article, “What Really Happened After Moses Broke the Tablets?” If the “Torah” in 9:111 refers also to the death

penalty for violating any of the Ten Commandments, my chapter entitled “The Ten Commandments” in *The Pastor’s Bible Study*, Volume II, 157–221 (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005), will be of interest, especially the [Prologue, “The Decalogue and the Death Penalty,” pp. 165–170.](#)

5 The “Gospel” here probably refers to Matt 10:34–36, “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.” Click [HERE](#) to view my conclusion that Jesus said:

אל תחשבו שבאתי לשם שלם בארץ
לא באתי לשם שלם בארץ אלא חלף

“Do not think that I have come to bring the end on earth;
I have not come to bring the end but a change.”

6 For different translations of *Sura* 9:111 click [HERE](#). The “Quran” mentioned in *Sura* 9:111 may refer to *Sura* 2:190–191,

Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for Allah loves not transgressors. And slay them wherever you catch them, and turn them out from where they have turned you out for tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter; but fight them not at the Sacred Mosque, unless they (first) fight you there; but if they fight you, slay them. Such is the reward of those who suppress faith.